

Allen County

Conservation District

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Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Craig Mentzer, at 7:45 AM on Tuesday April 1, 2008, and was held in Iola Service Center, 202 W Miller Rd, Iola, KS.

ALSO PRESENT:

DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman
Ryan Garrett, Treasurer
Kelli Kramer, District Manager
Matt Powe, District Conservationist, NRCS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes for the March meeting were not reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurers Report – Expenses for Operations Account \$2323.63, Enterprise Account \$6466.90, Petty Cash \$0.00, and Buffer Account \$0.00. The motion to accept the treasurer's report and to pay bills was made by DeWayne and seconded by Ryan. Motion passed.

The CD at Emprise Bank is up for renewal. It was decided to cash out the CD and to make a payment on the drill.

COMMUNICATIONS –

- Mar. 14 – Marais Des Cynges WRAPS will be having a field day and meeting on Sat. April 5. Will be showing off a solar pump system in Coffey County
- Mar. 17 – Forestry Notes from NACD
- Mar. 17 – Kansas Native Plant Society is looking for new members
- Mar. 18 – Franklin County Conservation District Newsletter
- Mar. 20 – SEE-KAN is getting membership renewals
- Mar. 21 – Volunteers needed for Envirothon May 14.
- Mar. 25 – Cooperative Agreement between SCC and NRCS for EQIP help (needs to be signed)
- Mar. 28 – National Woodlands newsletter
- Mar. 31 – JDS Computer and Training Services Open house May 3.
- Mar. 31 – Integrated Weed Control 2008 Catalog (bugs as weed control)

Matt's NRCS conservation report is attached.

DISTRICT REPORT – Kelli Kramer

- We had seven orders for grass seed ordered and delivered.
- Inventoried supplies
- Sent out reminder letters to those with outstanding State Cost Share contracts.
- Applied for grant funds to put together "mini-range school" – see new business

NPS Report & Water Resources Report: No activity has been reported. Re-allocation of funds will be distributed by application, I have 4 contracts under application, will find out shortly if they will be funded.

New Business:

- The website is almost ready for publication. Options for hosting include:
 - Yahoo - \$135.52 / year no other fees
 - WestHost - \$12 / year, no other fees
 - Kansas ISP (here in Iola) – \$179.40 / year no other fees

- Advantage Computers - \$240 / year and \$400 initial set up, \$60 to configure it
- There was some grant money available, so I applied to put together a "mini-range school" this summer/fall. School will involve plant identification, pasture management, fertilizing, what a native grass drill is and how it works, weed management, etc. Will do more organizing if grant funds are approved. I did talk to Bourbon County and we may work together on the range school. Other districts are using the same funds to do various projects. Bourbon County is doing a Women's Tour, Wilson and Woodson are doing a range tour of different pastures.
- New Board Member: I was unable to either talk to anyone or get anyone talked into joining. Any new ideas? Ad in paper?
- I need volunteers to help out with Earth Day on April 21st after lunch. I need some people to help with moving kids around, running different stations.
- Next meeting: May 6, 2008 7:30 am. Iola Service Center

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be April 8, 2008 at 7:30 AM at the Iola Service Center.

MINUTES APPROVED _____ Date _____ CHAIRMAN

_____ DISTRICT MANAGER